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EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE NO. 9/USA FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS MORNING OF MARCH 15:

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AMERICAN MILITARY VESSELS FROM THE SIXTH
FLEET OF THE USA -- THE DESTROYER ESCORT VESOLE AND THE GUIDED
MISSILE DESTROYER TURNER, HAVING TRANSITED THE STRAITS OF THE
DARDANELLES AND THE BOSPHORUS INTO THE BLACK SEA, VIOLATED
SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE REGION OF ZMEYNIY ISLAND ON MARCH
10, 1975. DESPITE REPEATED SIGNALS FROM SOVIET MILITARY AND
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BORDER PATROL VESSELS, THE AMERICAN MILITARY VESSELS IN THE PERIOD

BETWEEN 22 HOURS 20 MINUTES AND 23 HOURS 40 MINUTES MOSCOW TIME
CROSSED SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE SAID REGION, HAVING
PENETRATED THEM UP TO A DEPTH OF ONE AND ONE HALF TO TWO MILES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTS THE STATED VIOLATION OF
THE STATE FRONTIER OF THE USSR BY VESSELS OF THE NAVAL FORCES OF
THE USA AND INSISTS THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN SIDE
NOT TO ALLOW SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN THE FUTURE.

MOSOCW, MARCH 15, 1975

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MOSCOW

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